Installation of DD Tower in Shimla

†660. SHRI SURESH BHARDWAJ: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the amount spent on installation of Doordarshan Tower situated in Chirgaon (LPT) in district Shimla of Himachal Pradesh;

(b) whether Government have received any requests from the local representatives/Gram Panchayat Pradhans to shift this tower;

(c) whether it is a fact that this tower has been installed on private land, despite the availability of public land all around and local people are not to take full advantage of it; and

(d) if so, what steps are being taken by Government and to what extent the rent is being paid?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY): (a) An amount of Rs. 63.97 lakhs has been spent on the VLPT project at Chirgaon.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The private land where VLPT Chirgaon is presently located was selected from the point of view of optimum coverage. No suitable government land was available when the above site was selected.

(d) An amount of Rs. 1000/– per month is being paid towards rent of the above site.

High capacity transmitters in Bihar

†661. SHRIMATI KUM KUM RAI: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state

(a) the details of the high capacity transmitters installed in the States especially in various districts of Bihar; and

(b) the steps being taken or proposed to be taken by Government for installing high capacity transmitters during the year 2004-2005, 2005-2006 and 2006-2007 in various districts of Bihar, expecially in Muzaffarpur, Samastipur and Begusarai?

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